

ERIE EDITION

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ERIE ELECTION 101

IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Town of Erie will conduct its Regular Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 as a mail ballot election. The Mayor, who serves a two-year term, is up for election. Members of the Board of Trustees serve four-year staggered terms; three out of the six Trustees are up for election.

Ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters on March 16, 2012. Registered voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail may request one from the Erie Town Clerk's Office. Voters may mail their ballot via the U.S. Postal Service or may drop off their ballot at Town Hall any time during normal business hours (8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday) and 7:00am to 7:00pm on Election Day. Ballots must be received by 7:00pm on Election Day.

IN ORDER TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN ERIE, YOU MUST BE:

- 18 years of age by Election Day
- Resident in the Town of Erie 30 days before the election
- Registered voter 29 days before the election in the appropriate county in Erie
- U.S. Citizen

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and have lived in the Town of Erie for at least one year immediately preceding the election. All candidates must be registered to vote in the Town of Erie at least 30 days prior to the election.

NOMINATION PETITIONS:

The Town Clerk has scheduled an informational meeting Thursday, February 9, 2012. Petitions may be circulated beginning February 13, 2012. Candidates may circulate nomination petitions from February 13 through March 5, 2012 (last day to receive signatures). Each petition requires a minimum of 10 signatures from registered electors within the boundaries of the Town of Erie. Registered electors may sign only one petition for the Mayoral candidacy and up to three petitions for the Board of Trustees candidates (only one signature per candidate).

2012 ELECTION CALENDAR:

- FEB 9:** Candidate Nomination Petitions available
- FEB 9:** Candidate Informational Meeting
- MAR 5:** Candidate Nomination Petitions due
- MAR 5:** Last day to register to vote
- MAR 16:** Ballots mailed
- APR 3:** Election Day

REGULAR
MUNICIPAL
ELECTION
4.3.12

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303-926-2764.

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! For more details, visit the Election and Voter Information page at www.erieco.gov or contact Erie Town Clerk Nancy Parker at 303-926-2731 or nparker@erieco.gov.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Erie Board of Trustees meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Town Hall boardroom located at 645 Holbrook Street. Contact the Board via email at bot@erieco.gov or through the Town Clerk's Office at 303-926-2731. The Trustees' individual email addresses and phone numbers are listed below:

Mayor, Joe Wilson

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ERIE ON TOP

A LETTER FROM MAYOR JOE WILSON



What a terrific place we live in...the greatest Nation on earth, the best State in the nation, and the finest Town in the state!

While many surrounding communities are faltering and disillusioned, Erie continues to stand out as the place where families enjoy a rare quality of life in a community full of friends who grow wonderful relationships together—where innovation is wanted, empowered, supported and thrives. We welcome new neighbors, friends, employers and business.

In matters of Work and Play, Erie offers more unique opportunities than any other place I can think of.

From famous fireworks at Colorado National Golf Club, to art shows and air shows, to 'Trunk or Treat', summer concerts and sporting events, we fill the seasons with Fun!

In Erie, we focus on providing outstanding value to our residents who are truly proud of the great community we are building. We offer individuals, families and businesses a dynamic place for growth and prosperity. We offer opportunity to become part of something greater.

In business, our recently developed policies, culture of terrific public service, welcome for

enterprise and innovation, empower our economic vitality. We see sales tax at an all time high, as well as commercial space leased. This year we landed one of Colorado's largest economic development projects of the decade (Bridgewater)! We are currently in talks with both franchise businesses and private employers who are coming to Erie in ever increasing numbers.

"...WE LANDED ONE OF COLORADO'S LARGEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF THE DECADE..."

2011 was a hallmark year for community participation, innovative policy, and economic performance for our town, as Erie emerged as a regional leader in the press, public and private circles.

In 2012, We continue to celebrate Erie as the place where families enjoy a rare quality of life and a community full of friends who grow wonderful relationships together, a place where innovation is welcomed, empowered, supported and thrives.

There are many fortunate and impressive words to describe Erie, but the best one is "Home"!

Mayor Joe Wilson



TOWN OF ERIE COMPLETE PROPERTY TAX MILL LEVIES FOR 2012

General Operating Funds: 7.288 (\$203.04*) • Trails & Natural Areas Acquisition: 4.000 (\$111.44*) • Erie Community Center Construction Bond: 5.858 (\$163.20*) *Example: If you own a home with an actual value of \$350,000, your total Town of Erie Mill Levy for 2012 would be \$477.68.

Photo by Robb Williamson

WIDE OPEN SPACE

ERIE'S TRAIL CONSTRUCTION AND ACQUISITION



WANTED: PHOTOS AND COMMENTS ABOUT ERIE'S TRAILS AND OPEN SPACE

Send us your favorite photos so that we may post them on our Erie Trails and Open Space Photo Gallery. Have something positive to say about our trails and open space? We'd love to hear from you.

Email photos and comments to info@erieparksandrec.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

Since 2005, the Town of Erie has added 6.5 miles of Trails and 115 acres of Open Space?

In November 2004, Erie voters approved the Trails and Natural Areas Mill Levy. Since that time, of the over \$5.1 million* collected from the property tax, approximately \$2.7 million has been spent on Trails construction and Open Space acquisition. (Details on the right.)

**The Town has received approximately \$1 million in additional matching grants for Trails construction and Open Space acquisition.*



Photo by Mark Gruber

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

Create hiking, biking, and walking trails throughout Town to connect neighborhoods and the regional trail network. Protect natural areas along Coal Creek and Boulder Creek.

Open Space and Trails Advisory Board Tier I Trails	8,400, LF
Erie Village to Jay Road Spine Trail	4,170, LF
Ruth Schrichte Trail (Erie Pkwy to Coal Creek Park).....	3,265, LF
Ruth Schrichte Trail (Coal Creek Park to Reliance Park).....	2,120, LF
Vista Pointe Spine Trail.....	3,000, LF
Arapahoe Ridge Spine Trail Connector	3,000, LF
S. Coal Creek Trail (Vista Pkwy to Regional Trail)	9,663, LF
	(to be built in 2012)
Coal Creek Connector (Briggs to Ruth Schrichte Trail)	1,480, LF
	(to be built in 2012)

TOTAL TRAILS CONSTRUCTED SINCE 20056.5 MILES (35,100 LINEAR FEET)

TOTAL TRAILS MAINTAINED 2011 28 MILES

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

Purchase natural areas to separate Erie from other communities. Preserve wildlife habitat. Conserve scenic landscapes and views.

Smoljan Conservation Easement	45 Acres
Bryant Conservation Easement*	109 Acres
Total Acres Acquired Since 2005	154 Acres
Total Acres Maintained 2011	487 Acres

*In Process

Visit the Open Space and Trails Advisory Board at www.erieco.gov for more information.

2012EVENTSCALENDAR



JANUARY

January 5: Erie Community Center 4th Anniversary and Member Appreciation Day

FEBRUARY

February 11: Night of the Stars Local Competition

MARCH

March (TBA): Citizen's Police Academy

APRIL

April 3: Erie Community Park 2nd Anniversary
April 21: 9Health Fair
April 28: Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration



MAY

May 5: Spring Clean Up
May 12: Fishing Clinic
May 19: Erie Town Fair & Balloon Festival
Please contact the Erie Chamber of Commerce for information on this event.
303-828-3449.

JUNE

June 2: National Trails Day & Movie in the Park (ECP)
June 9: Bark in the Park
June 23: Concert in the Park (ECP)
June 27: Bike to Work Day

JULY

July (National Parks and Recreation Month)
July 1: Firecracker 4K/4M
July 3: Fireworks Display (Colorado National Golf Course: 303- 926-1723)
July 14: Movie in the Park (ECP)
July 28: Concert in the Park (ECP)

AUGUST

August 11: Mighty Kids' Triathlon

SEPTEMBER

September 8: Fall Clean Up
September 8-9: The Great Erie Outdoor Adventure

OCTOBER

October 27: Trunk or Treat

DECEMBER

December 13: Holiday Lighting Contest
December 19: Kris Kringle's CookieFest

Holiday Lighting Contest



2011 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to the residents who entered the 2011 Holiday Lighting Contest! The judges were blown away! From fun lights to synchronized music, and from snowmen to santas—it was a tough decision!

Congratulations to the Purcell Family for taking 1st place this year!

Congratulations to our other winners: 2nd Place: Burns Family, 3rd Place: Connell Family, 4th Place: Murray Family

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE



DID YOU KNOW...

All dogs over six months of age in Erie must be licensed each calendar year. Download your application today and return with payment and vaccination records.

Please provide the following information with your Dog License Application:

- Proof of current rabies vaccination
- The name, physical address and telephone number of the owner of the dog
- Veterinarian proof of neuter or spay

FEES:

- Spayed or neutered dogs: \$10
- Non-spayed or non-neutered dogs: \$15

2012 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

You may drop off your application at the Town Hall Front Desk located at 645 Holbrook Street or mail to:
Town of Erie
Attention: Pet Licensing
PO Box 750
Erie, CO 80516

We will send you the tag(s) in the mail once payment and vaccination records are received.

For more information, please call 303-926-2700. Thank you in advance for licensing your pet(s)!



For more information, contact Erie Parks and Recreation at 303-926-2550 or visit www.erieparksandrec.com.